

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date October 9, 2013

Members Present: 24

Meeting was called to order by President, Kris Jensen at 9:30am and noted that document approval will be provisional due to a lack of quorum.

Prior Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2013 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell with provisional approval.

Treasurer's Report for September 2013 was given by Diane Thieme with provisional approval.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Patty Witt reported:
 - Digging at up to 7 MG gardens and plants are healed in at Eble Park for overwintering. These will be potted for 2014 plant sale.
 - Looking for gardens of MG or friends and family for next years pot-a-thons and plant sale.
- Garden Support – Patty Witt reported:
 - Next meeting will be 10/13 at 9:30 at Milw UW Extension, room 305.
 - Working on this year's garden tours/visits readouts.
- In-House Education - Kathy Hochevar:
 - Next date is 10/24, "Intro to Ancient and Living Art of Bonsai". Speaker: Ron Fortmann. At MCCE Auditorium from 6:30-7:30 with Q & A.
 - Rita Piper has agreed to chair next year. 5 new members will be joining committee.
 - Rita will follow up on the offer from City of Milwaukee Greenhouse education opportunity for the possibility of speaking to us in 2014.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Has 3 programs scheduled for spring.
- Finance Committee – Fred Redlinger reported:
 - Working on 2014 budget. If he hasn't received requests by 10/16, the project may be at risk for funding next year.
- Holiday Party / Annual Meeting – Patty Witt and Judy Williamson reported:
 - Date is 12/4 at the Doubletree on Bluemound Rd in Brookfield. There will be a sit down dinner for up to 200 attendees. There will be a \$10 fee for members & guest. Members must have submitted their volunteer hours and paid dues.
 - Sign up will begin with the next newsletter.
- WIMGA update - John Hahn:
 - No updates.
- Clothing – Lee Ann Dukes reported:
 - The logo for future items will be same as this year' but larger.
 - One version will be on all articles.
- Bus Trip – Doris Fons reported:
 - Planning for next years events, committee will be meeting next week.
 - Possible location is Green Bay Botanical and the group discussed other possible locations.
 - Chicago Flower Show will be scheduled and have 1 bus.

- Other:
 - Patty Witt is processing dues forms. Dues to be paid and volunteer hours to be reported to attend Holiday Party.
 - Diane Thieme reported that Sharon and Ann will allow class visits so that committees and activities will be presented to trainees.
 - Judy discussed time sheet issues. And, the group discussed possible improvements for time reporting and assistance for next year.

New Business

- Nancy Lehrer – Volunteer Coordinator reported:
 - Requests that hours are sent in even if not completed.
 - Upcoming Events as posted on website are:
 1. **Rain Garden Workshop**, Wednesday October 30, 2013
 2. **Wild Ones Conference**, Landscaping with Native Plants, Wednesday November 2, 2013
 3. **Rotary Gardens Fall Symposium**, New Old Favorites for the Midwestern Garden, November 2, 2013
- Diane Thieme reviewed 2014 officer candidates.

Announcement & Reminders:

- No November meeting
- **Annual meeting December 4th after the Holiday Party Dinner**
- Submit your reimbursement requests by the end of November

Adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary